Houston Planning Commission

Development Impacts Meeting Wednesday, April 27, 2005 Summary

Those Present:

Bill Huntsinger Bob Collins David Hightower
David Jones Ed Taravella Edwin Friedrichs
Jack Rose Jeff Taebel John Chiang
Kent Marsh Monique Ward David Collins

John J. Baldwin

Handouts: Issue Paper, Court Case

Goals & Objectives: Produce an outline or policy paper of development impacts guidelines/objectives reflecting the consensus of committee members. Present paper to Planning Commission and public for discussion and approval.

Discussion:

Preliminary discussion revolved around the approach and scope of the committee discussion regarding types of impacts. Examples of impacts like drainage, traffic, parking and infrastructure were given to start the discussion.

Scope of Impact:

- Impacts in Urban Areas
- Impacts in Suburban Areas

Identifying Impacts:

Some of the primary impacts identified in the discussion were:

- Parking
- o Drainage
- o Infrastructure
- o Pavina
- o Traffic

Impacts on design

- o Trees
- o Open Space
- Development compatibility/neighborhood character

Quantifying Impacts:

Creating a framework for Measuring/Quantifying impacts. Identifying appropriate impact models to measure impact.

Mitigating Impacts:

Possible ways of mitigation of impacts Impacts Fees

Proactive CIP Planning anticipating development forces.